

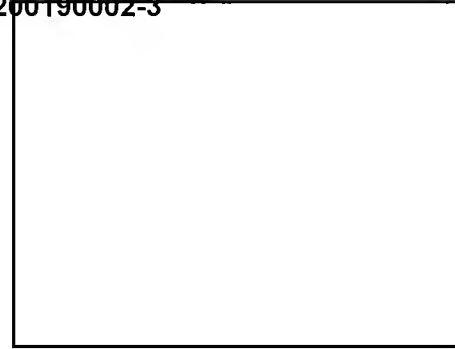


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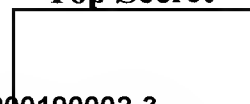


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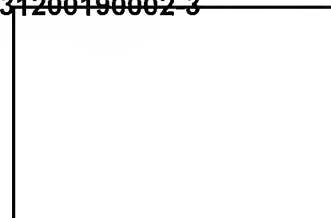
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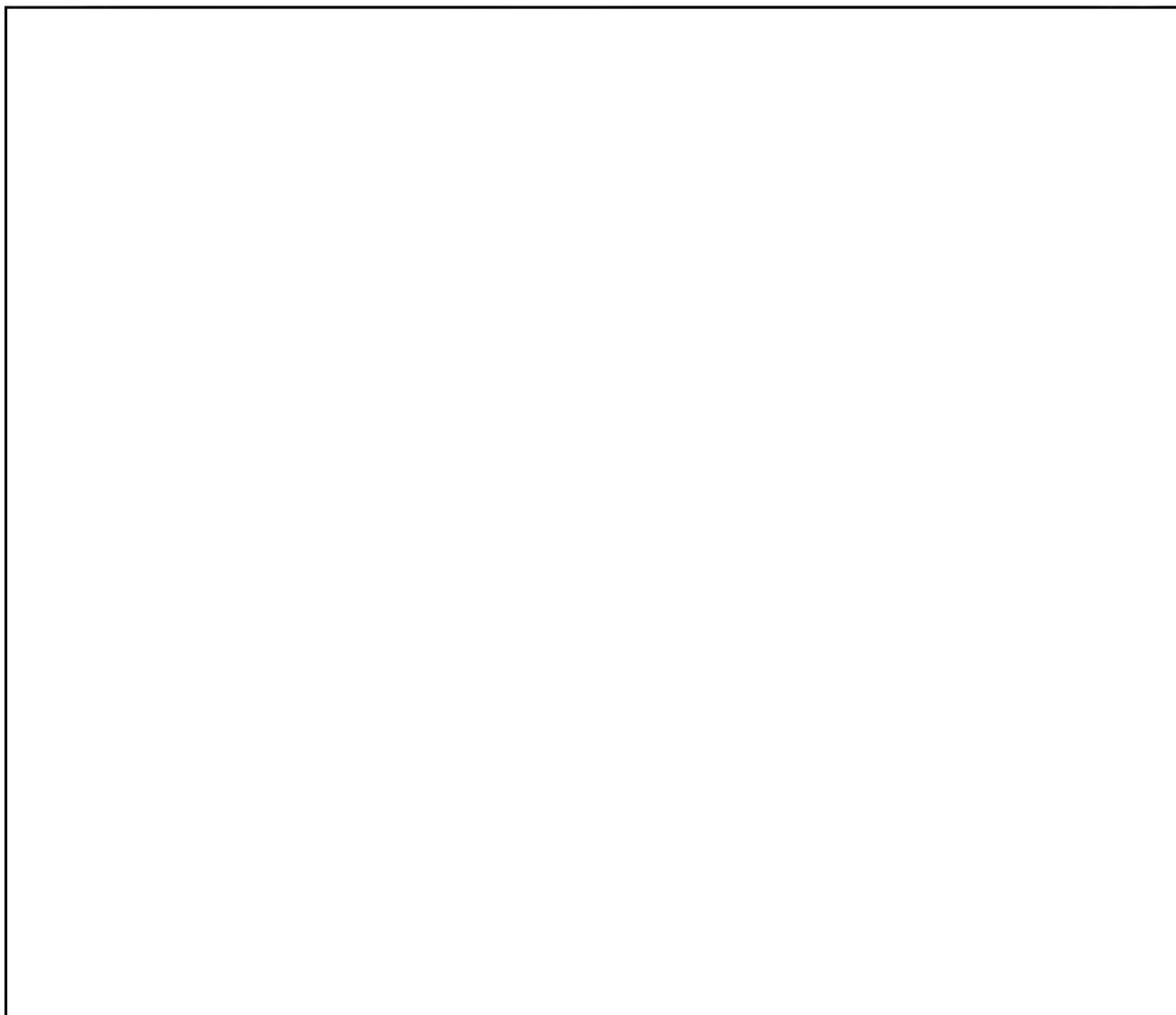
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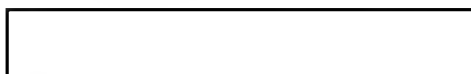
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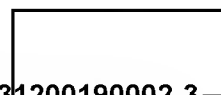
Mauritania

President Mohamed Saleck shuffled his cabinet last night and dismissed four ministers, including the Ministers of Interior and Finance. According to a French news service, several of those ousted had advocated that Mauritania reach an understanding with the Polisario Front over Western Sahara. The President took the defense portfolio and brought into his cabinet as Minister of Finance the man who held that position under former President Ould Daddah.



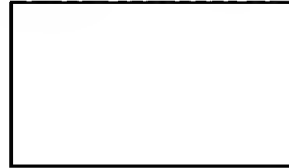
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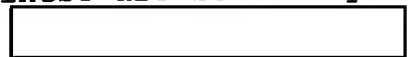
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China

The US Mission in Geneva has reported that the Deputy Director General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade organization met last week with a high-ranking Chinese diplomat who explored in depth the question of China's joining GATT. The diplomat asked whether China could merely assume the membership previously held by Taiwan; he also asked about the advantages of a nation being classified as a developing country. The GATT official is convinced the Chinese are seriously considering joining the organization.

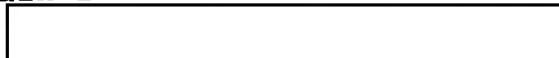
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Portugal - Eastern Europe

According to a Western news service, Portuguese President Eanes and Romanian leader Ceausescu agreed during talks yesterday in Bucharest that their countries should expand bilateral trade and cooperation. Romania is expected to grant Portugal a \$100-million credit. Eanes, on a trip through Eastern Europe, earlier signed two agreements in Bulgaria designed to expand trade. He will remain in Bucharest until tomorrow when he flies to Hungary.

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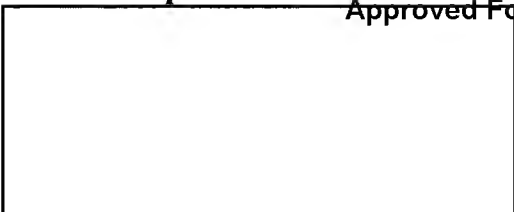
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